

Old Town Historical Committee
October 13, 2008
Monday

5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order. Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Also, in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
NAYS: Motion carried.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

The second round of bidding opened for a modified Phase I (a). This will include the interior and exterior brick work, fixing and painting of the eaves and soffits, windows and getting the rook installed.

08-06 Arts & Crafts Festival Status

Mr. Garrett stated that the sponsor has rescinded for the craft fair and the fair has been cancelled.

New Items for Discussion:

- Mr. Garrett gave an update on Football for Food. Main Street applies for \$1500 on behalf of Football for Food through the grant process and is happy to be a partner with David's United Church of Christ. They want to thank the Village for being a partner in this, as well. 8600 items of food and \$1100 in cash were collected at Football for Food making it a great success.

- Mr. Garrett also added that the Building Improvement Matching Grant program is still in the works and Ms. Osborn made him aware of additional funding that is available for Heritage Ohio Funds and possibly from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau in the amount of \$8000. Main Street is requesting that Old Town make a recommendation to Ms. Osborn that the \$8000 be used for the Building Improvement Matching Grant.

Mr. Jarvis asked for clarification on the source of the \$8000 grant. Mr. Garrett stated that this would allow business owners to complete a \$3000 project toward the restoration of the façade of the building and receive \$2000 back. The grant money would be overseen and distributed by the Main Street Committee. This program is a time-sensitive project running from Feb 2009 to Dec 1, 2009. It will be first-come, first-serve basis and grants will be approved by a selection committee appointed by the Mayor. Discussion ensued regarding where the \$8000 would be sourced from within the Village.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to support a new program for Streetscape Beautification administered and sponsored by the Main Street Program in the amount of \$8000 and take it to the Finance Director, Ms. Osborn for review. Seconded by Mr. Deeds.

Mr. Deeds requested that full Council be advised of this issue. Mr. Jarvis will have a meeting with Ms. Osborn to ensure that legislation is not needed for authorization. Mr. Deeds asked if this will be open to businesses outside of downtown or residential homes within the Historic District. Mr. Garrett clarified that this is specifically for businesses in the Historic Downtown area.

VOTE:	AYES:	Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
	NAYS:	
		Motion carried.

08-07 Revised Downtown Canal Winchester Property Assessment and Evaluation Study

Mr. Strayer updated the Property Assessment and went through each property included in a hand-out with the Committee members. See attached. Mr. Jarvis stated the Old Town will make Mr. Strayer's recommendations their own.

Old Business:

Mr. Strayer stated that the County will be tearing down the Marathon Station on the 29th or the 30th of this month.

Mayor Ebert noted that the clock outside of Town Hall is working again. Mr. Snyder fixed it.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE:	AYES:	Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
	NAYS:	
		Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.